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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Donald Landis, DOB: 11/18/1981 of Westby, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to bank robbery.

During the plea hearing Landis acknowledged being involved in the July 2, 2005 bank robbery of the Peoples State Bank, in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, and also in the robbery of the River Bank, in De Soto, Wisconsin, on October 5, 2005. He acknowledged being involved in both bank robberies by providing transportation to and from the bank robbery for the bank robbers and providing services as a lookout during the bank robberies.

Sentencing is scheduled before Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb on August 17, 2006. Landis faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, \$250,000.00 fine, three years of supervised release, and restitution .

The charge against Donald Landis was the result of an investigation conducted by the Vernon County Sheriff's Department, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and the La Crosse Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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